How to launch virtual machines on AWS for test purposes (AWS = Amazon Web Services)

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Overview

- I am no expert in using Amazon Web Services
 - Experience-hand-over from one beginner to others
- Using AWS is as easy as using FermiCloud
 - if we simply want to launch VMs from stock images
- But sometimes, we need to use our own images/ kernels for special purposes:
 - e.g. we can not launch hundreds and customize one by one, we need to upload already-customized image and launch hundreds of VMs off that image

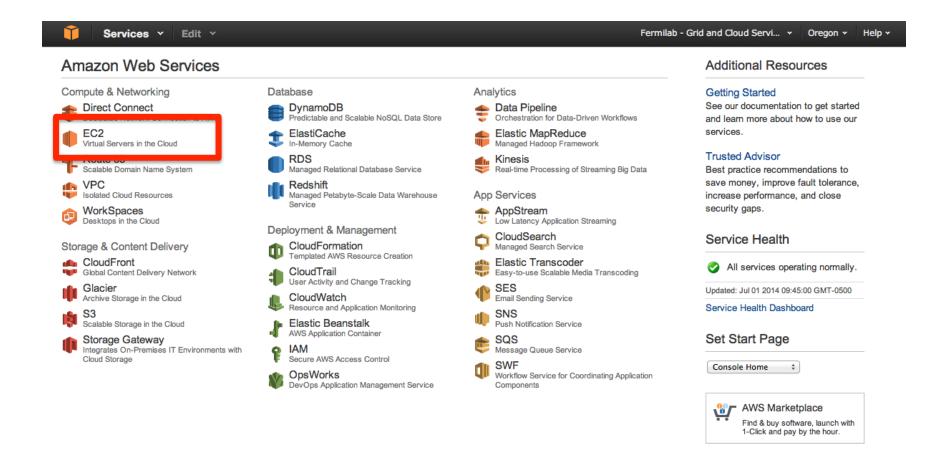
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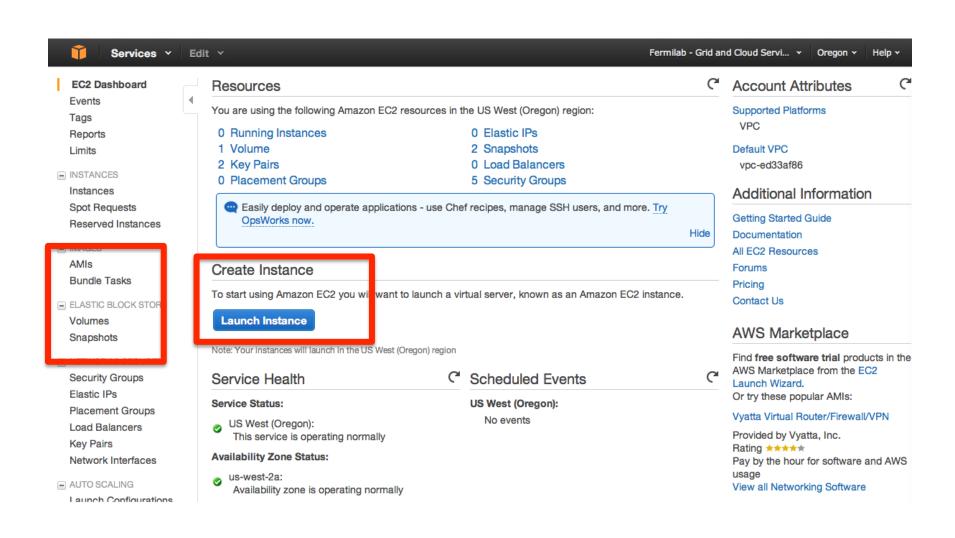
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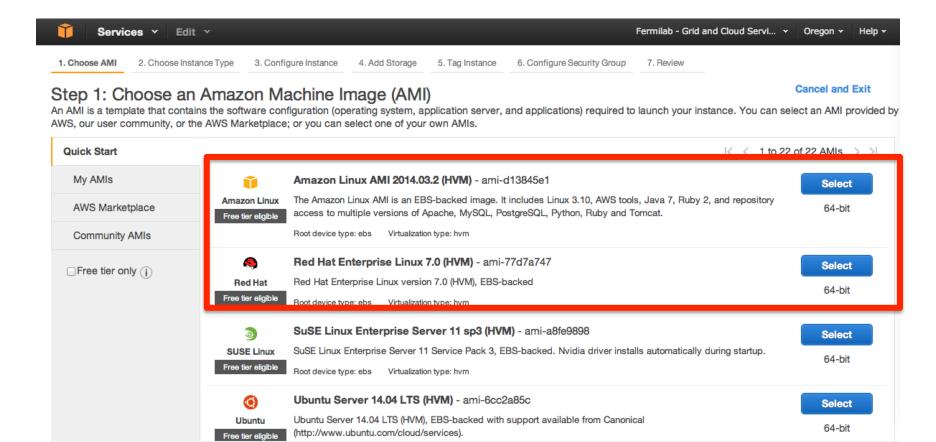
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Go to aws.amazon.com







Step 2: Choose an Instance Type

Amazon EC2 provides a wide selection of instance types optimized to fit different use cases. Instances are virtual servers that can run applications. They have varying combinations of CPU, memory, storage, and networking capacity, and give you the flexibility to choose the appropriate mix of resources for your applications. Learn more about instance types and how they can meet your computing needs.

Filter by: All instance types

Current generation

Show/Hide Columns

Currently selected: t2.micro (Variable ECUs, 1 vCPUs, 2.5 GHz, Intel Xeon Family, 1 GiB memory, EBS only)

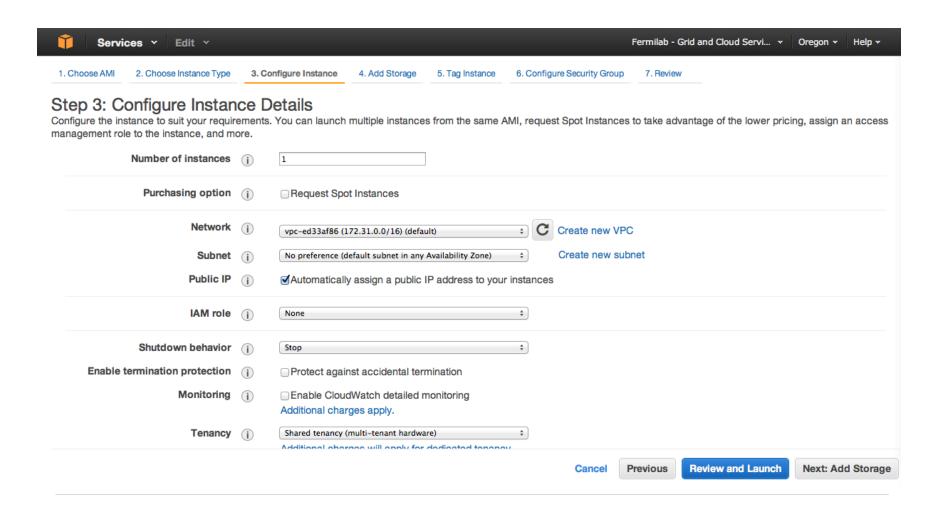
Family -	Type -	vCPUs (i) -	Memory (GiB)	Instance Storage (GB)	EBS-Optimized Available j	Network Performance (i) -
General purpose	t2.micro Free tier eligible	1	1	EBS only	-	Moderate
General purpose	t2.small	1	2	EBS only	•	Moderate
General purpose	t2.medium	2	4	EBS only	-	Moderate
General purpose	m3.medium	1	3.75	1 x 4 (SSD)	-	Moderate
General purpose	m3.large	2	7.5	1 x 32 (SSD)	-	Moderate
General purpose	m3.xlarge	4	15	2 x 40 (SSD)	Yes	High

Cancel

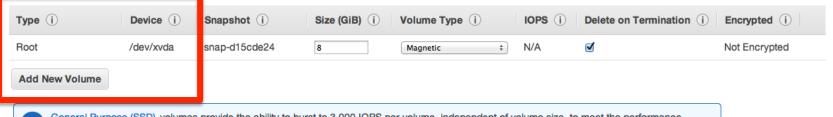
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Review and Launch

Next: Configure Instance Details

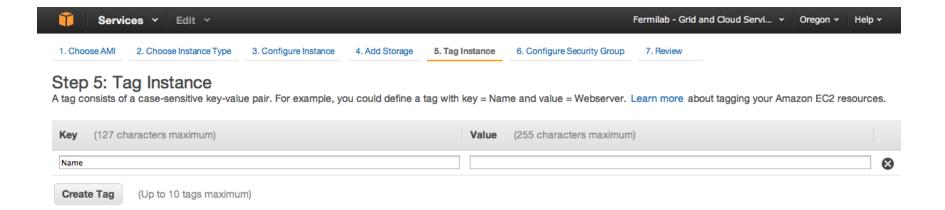






General Purpose (SSD) volumes provide the ability to burst to 3,000 IOPS per volume, independent of volume size, to meet the performance needs of most applications and also deliver a consistent baseline of 3 IOPS/GiB. Set my root volume to General Purpose (SSD).

Free tier eligible customers can get up to 30 GB of EBS General Purpose (SSD) or Magnetic storage. Learn more about free usage tier eligibility and usage restrictions.



Step 6: Configure Security Group

A security group is a set of firewall rules that control the traffic for your instance. On this page, you can add rules to allow specific traffic to reach your instance. For example, if you want to set up a web server and allow Internet traffic to reach your instance, add rules that allow unrestricted access to the HTTP and HTTPS ports. You can create a new security group or select from an existing one below. Learn more about Amazon EC2 security groups.

Assign a security group: Oreate a new security group

Select an existing security group

	Security Group ID	Name		Description	Actions
	sg-5e04f031	default		default VPC security group	Copy to new
	sg-a6b80dc3	fermi-condor-worknode		security group for the ec2 condor workers	Copy to new
	sg-d6aa4db3	launch-wizard-1		launch-wizard-1 created on Tuesday, January 1	Copy to new
	sg-5000aa35	launch-wizard-2		launch-wizard-2 created on Thursday, June 26,	Copy to new
	sg-5204f03d	quick-start-1		quick-start-1	Copy to new
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Type		Protocol (i)	Port Range (i)	Source (i)	
SSH		TCP	22	0.0.0.0/0	



▼ Instance Type

Edit instance type

Instance Type	ECUs	vCPUs	Memory (GiB)	Instance Storage (GB)	EBS-Optimized Available	Network Performance
t2.micro	Variable	1	1	EBS only	-	Moderate

▼ Security Groups Edit security groups

 Security Group ID
 Name
 Description

 sg-5e04f031
 default
 default VPC security group

All selected security groups inbound rules

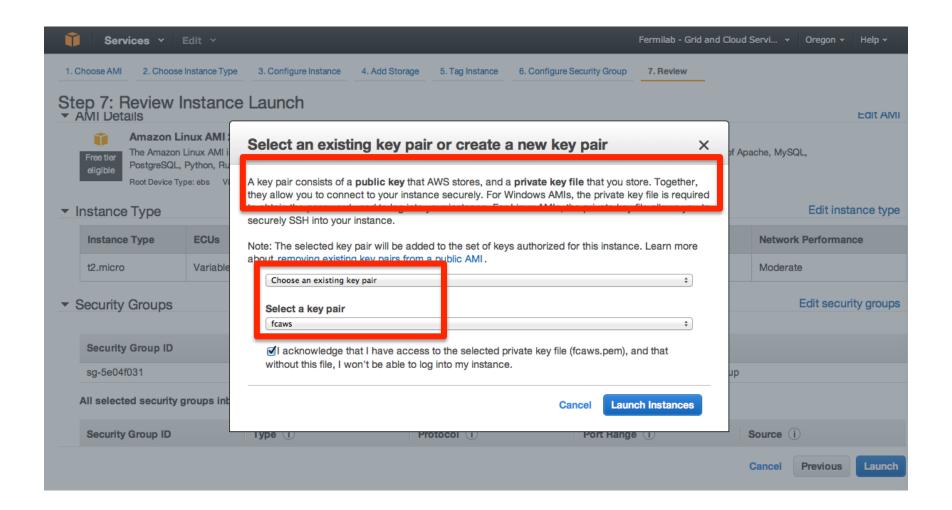
Security Group ID Type (i) Protocol (i) Port Range (i) Source (i)

Cancel

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SSH KeyGen



Different Credentials

Password Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) Access Keys (Access Key ID and Secret Access Key) Note: You can have a maximum of two access keys (active or inactive) at a time. Created Deleted Access Key ID **Status** Actions Sep 26th 2013 AKIAI6W66HIL2L3T7ADQ Active Make Inactive | Delete Jul 1st 2014 AKIAJQJEHMOPDVNDBBCA Make Inactive | Delete Active



Important Change - Managing Your AWS Secret Access Keys

As described in a previous announcement, you cannot retrieve the existing secret access keys for your AWS root account, though you can still create a new root access key at any time. As a best practice, we recommend creating an IAM user that has access keys rather than relying on root access keys.

CloudFront Key Pairs

□ X.509 C				
Note: You can				
Created	Deleted	Thumbprint	Status	Actions
Oct 15th 2013		RCEMEYVW3YN2XNIXBFMVI5TZM7STIQJB (Download Certificate)	Active	Make Inactive Delete

Launch Status



Your instance is now launching

The following instance launch has been initiated: i-0788840f

View launch log



Get notified of estimated charges

Create billing alerts to get an email notification when estimated charges on your AWS bill exceed \$0.0 (in other words, when you have exceeded the free usage tier).

How to connect to your instance

Your instance is launching, and it may take a few minutes until it is in the running state, when it will be ready for you to use. Usage hours on your new instance will start immediately and continue to accrue until you stop or terminate your instance.

Click View Instances to monitor your instance's status. Once your instance is in the running state, you can connect to it from the Instances screen. Find out how to connect to your instance.

▼ Here are some helpful resources to get you started

- How to connect to your Linux instance
- · Amazon EC2: User Guide

· Learn about AWS Free Usage Tier

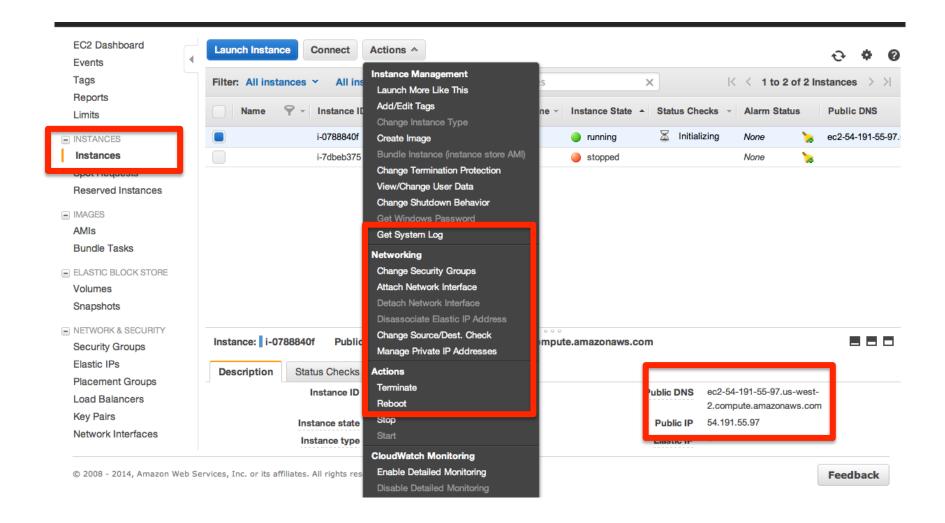
· Amazon EC2: Discussion Forum

While your instances are launching you can also

Create status check alarms to be notified when these instances fail status checks. (Additional charges may apply)

Create and attach additional EBS volumes (Additional charges may apply)

Manage security groups



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System Log: i-0788840f
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 No packages needed for security; 4 packages available
Resolving Dependencies
Generating SSH1 RSA host key: [ OK ]
Starting sshd: [ OK ]
 tpdate: Synchronizing with time server: [ OK ]
 Starting ntpd: [ OK ]
Starting sendmail: [ OK ]
Starting sm-client: [ OK ]
Starting crond: [ OK ]
 Starting atd: [ OK ]
 Starting cloud-init: Cloud-init v. 0.7.2 running 'modules:final' at Tue, 01 Jul 2014 14:52:34 +0000. Up ci-info: +Authorized keys from /home/ec2-user/.ssh/authorized_keys for user ec2-user+
ci-info: Keytype
                                                 Fingerprint (md5)
                                                                                                 Options Comment
 ci-info: ssh-rsa 22:9e:a2:fd:91:b1:55:c1:bc:2c:a2:35:33:26:50:93 -
                                                                                                               fcaws
  -----BEGIN SSH HOST KEY FINGERPRINTS-----
1024 cl:e2:ec:b7:12:53:79:36:14:5d:d2:bd:a5:3b:73:17 root@ip-172-31-0-111 (DSA)
256 3b:f0:dc:ee:b6:eb:87:a1:07:a5:c9:75:c3:02:51:f5 root@ip-172-31-0-111 (ECDSA)
       2048 ec:b8:82:df:e2:cb:ad:e5:4c:62:84:2a:b1:62:87:ca (RSA1)
       2048 35:1e:18:b6:ee:e5:32:cc:2c:b3:16:ac:f2:d3:a7:14 root@ip-172-31-0-111 (RSA)
       ----END SSH HOST KEY FINGERPRINTS
       ----BEGIN SSH HOST KEY KEYS----
ecdsa-sha2-nistp256 AAAAE2VjZHNhLXNoYTItbmlzdHAyNTYAAAAIbmlzdHAyNTYAAABBBJKx+Q4dB0X+pwfkrOghldGdtc8ZQ2
2048 65537 2268170415418569026911958329438577690678753732423108011186183659037039999225484790686528495
ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaClyc2EAAAADAQABAAABAQDUzzn0KqiyrqxexyC81PjwOP3pUSg7zi0GKvmQPOf99K08w/PO0WAU+cSscdmyvb
-----END SSH HOST KEY KEYS----
 Cloud-init v. 0.7.2 finished at Tue, 01 Jul 2014 14:52:34 +0000. Datasource DataSourceEc2. Up 31.66 se
  mazon Linux AMI release 2014.03
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  p-172-31-0-111 login:
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How to upload our own image

- Launch a stock AWS Virtual Machine
- 1. EBS that holds our image: ec2-create-volume
 - create new one and copy local image there
 - or create one from the snapshot(next page)
- 2. Create a snapshot: ec2-create-snapshot
- 3. Generate an AMI
 - ec2-register with snapshot-id
 - or use the web
- Launch: ec2-run-instances or web

Debugging in the image

- ec2-create-volume --snapshot snap-6b0d2f57
 - => VOLUME ID is returned: vol-19be4c31
 - ec2-attach-volume vol-19be4c31
 - --instance i-bceffa88 --device /dev/sdh
 - sudo mount /dev/sdh1 /mnt
 - vi /mnt/somefile for example
 - sudo umount /mnt
- ec2-create-snapshot

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How to use our own kernel?

(At this point, we have a new AMI-id)

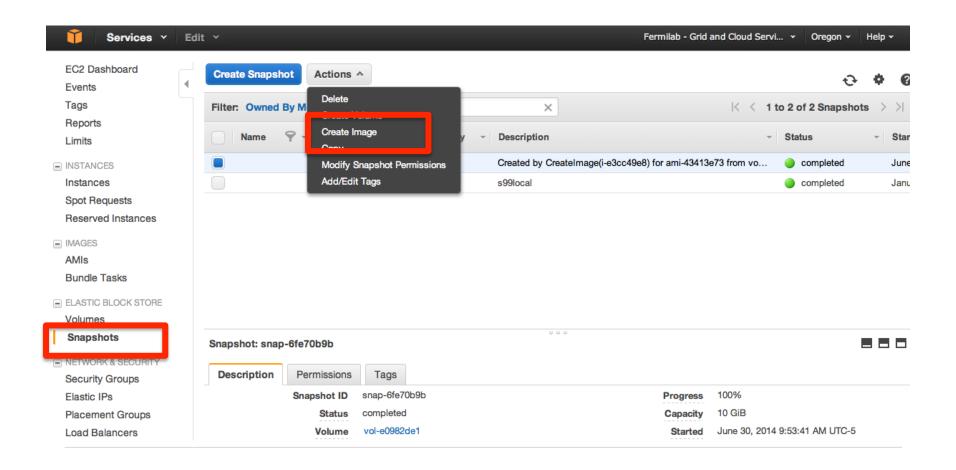
- This question concerns us at the launching step
 - ec2-run-instances --kernel aki-f837bac8 (could not find web-equivalent)

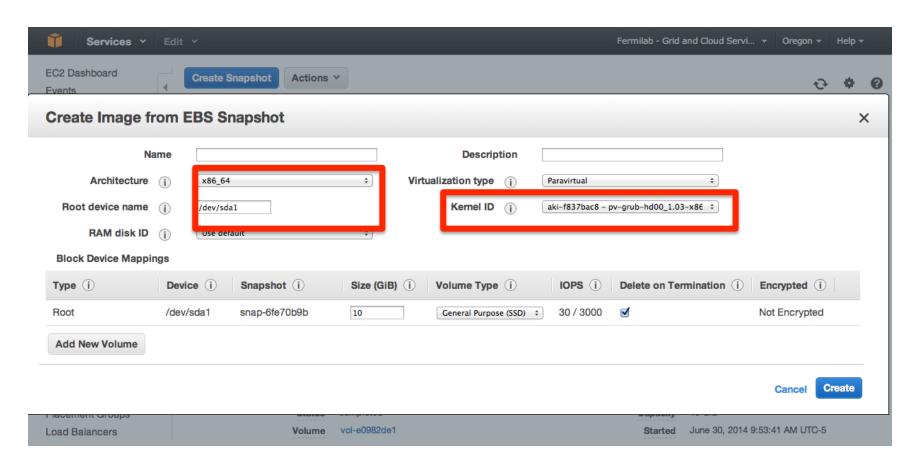
- Normally, AWS will overwrite our own kernel
- If we want to keep our own kernel, we need to tell AWS to wrap our kernel with a special type of AWS-kernel

The giWMS needs more

- Uses ec2-run-instances command with AMI only
 - without --kernel option
- This forces use to find a way where the new AMI should be attached with aki-f836bac8 when we generate the new AMI
- Remember ec2-register command was used, but could not find any option to attach this AKI to the new AMI
- Using AWS web site is the solution
 (Remember we have a snapshot at this point)

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ec2-run-instances or launch button

Summary

 Now, a generic image is ready for us to be able to use giWMS to submit a generic job.

 Next, this "generic" should turn into "FNAL experiment-specific" to be meaningful to us.

Introduction to NoVA Testings

1. Prepare NoVA image to be run in AWS

2. Prepare NoVA job to be sent to that image

3. Debugging

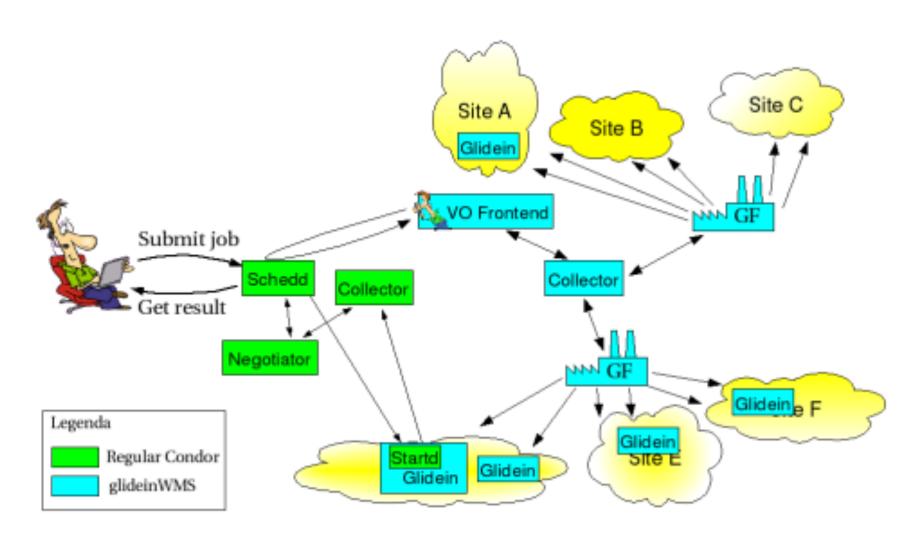
1. Prepare NoVA Image

- Either launch a VM or just mount a partition
- What needs to be done
 - install some RPMs: cvmfs, two giWMS
 - create some directories: /home/glidein_pilot
 - clean up FermiCloud specific
 - /etc/init.d/.credntials
 - TCP Wrapper files(/etc/hosts.allow, deny)

2. Prepare NoVA Jobs

- Configure your job batch submission env
 - experiment-specific node, not gpsn01
 - make sure your group is "nova" for example
 - should not use your home to submit from
 - .bash_profile: GROUP, GRID_USER, EXPERIMENT
 - source one FermiGrid shell script and init jobsub
- Make sure you are using jobsub properly
- Contact GCSO admins(Joe Boyd) for giWMS

JobSub, giWMS and AWS



3. Bugs before one NoVA job ran in AWS successfully

- Special CVMFS proxy server in Fermi
 - modify one file inside image for a new locaion
- Java code in nova job fails to get local hostname
 - AWS provides a site to translate private IP to pub.
 - /rc3.d/S99local and run hostname command
- Proper use of option of globus-url-copy
 - with -p n option, the server tries to open a new connection with the private IP address of AWS
 - the option delay passive (-dp) forces the server to recycle the same original connection

Summary

 These should cover those basic usages necessary in our department. Option A: "Instance-Store" ec2-bundle-image --kernel aki-f837bac8 ec2-upload-bundle -b S3bucket

Option B: "EBS"
ec2-create-volume (new volume in EBS)
ec2-attach-volume (as /dev/sdh)
Upload an image using scp or rsync
ec2-create-snapshot (another volume)

ec2-register: results in a new AMI, ami-nnnnn

Option A: S3bucket/image.manifest.xml

Option B: -b /dev/sda=snap-id

Launch Button ec2-run-instances ami-nnnnnn-kernel aki-f837bac8

indirect use of ec2-run-instances in glideinwms

HowTo Launch AWS VM 1

- use AWS stock images
- AWS stock kernel used

HowTo Launch AWS VM 2

- upload your image
- use aki-general or default

HowTo Launch AWS VM 3

- upload your image
- use aki-f837bac8